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1. CONGO:

A. UN FORCES HAVE HALTED JUST BEYOND JADOTVILLE TO RE-GROUP AND AWAIT FURTHER ORDERS FROM NEW YORK.

B. THE INDIAN BRIGADIER WHOSE TROOPS OCCUPY JADOTVILLE SAYS HIS FORWARD PATROLS HAVE SECURED THE IMPORTANT ROAD JUNCTION 20 MILES NORTHWEST OF THE CITY AND WILL PROCEED NO FURTHER WITHOUT EXPRESS ORDERS FROM U THANT.

C. BUNCHE ARRIVED IN LEOPOLDVILLE LAST NIGHT TO STRAIGHTEN MATTERS OUT. HE DECLARED ON ARRIVAL THAT THE UN OPERATION TO ESTABLISH FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT WOULD CONTINUE, HE HOPED WITHOUT RESISTANCE. SO SAYING, HE NAMED THREE OBJECTIVES: KOLWEZI, THE RHODESIAN BORDER RAILHEAD OF SAKANIA, AND DILOLO IN THE EXTREME WEST ON THE ANGOLA BORDER.

D. THE BELGIANS, ALREADY SUSPICIOUS OF BUNCHE'S MISSION (THEY THINK BUNCHE IS OUT TO GET TSHOMBE FOR THE HIGH-HANDED TREATMENT TSHOMBE GAVE HIM WHILE IN ELISABETHVILLE IN 1960), WILL NOT BE HEARTENED BY HIS REMARKS.

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F. THE UN PLAN, APPARENTLY WILL BE TO REGROUP FORCES AT KAMINA AND MOVE TOWARD KOLWEZI FROM THE NORTH, HOPING THEREBY TO SAVE THE LARGE LUALABA BRIDGE (WHICH IS ON THE ROUTE BETWEEN JADOTVILLE AND KOLWEZI) AND POWERHOUSES FROM DESTRUCTION.

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G. FROM HIS REDOUBT IN KOLWEZI, TSHOMBE IS ISSUING DEFIANT COMMUNIQUE VOWING A FIGHT TO THE FINISH. AT THE SAME TIME, HE IS CALLING FOR NORTHERN RHODESIAN PRIME MINISTER KWANDA TO MEDIATE.

H. [REDACTED] TSHOMBE'S THREAT OF A SCORCHED-EARTH AND PROTRACTED GUERRILLA CAMPAIGN ARE BLUFF. HE SHYS AWAY FROM THE FORMER AND CANNOT SUCCEED WITH THE LATTER. THERE HAS BEEN NO MAJOR SABOTAGE SO FAR.

I. WITH THE THREAT OF RETALIATION LIFTED BY TSHOMBE'S RETREAT, UNION MINIERE OFFICIALS IN ELISABETHVILLE AND JADOTVILLE ARE COOPERATING WITH THE UN.

J. UNION MINIERE, MUCH TO TSHOMBE'S DISCOMFITURE, IS INTERESTED ONLY IN PROTECTING ITS PROPERTY. MERCENARIES, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] RESPONDED TO UNION MINIERE'S CALL FOR PROTECTION AGAINST POSSIBLE GENDARMERIE ACTION IN JADOTVILLE JUST BEFORE THE UN MOVED IN.

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K. OTHER MERCENARIES HAVE FADED, AND WE DOUBT THERE ARE MANY LEFT THAT TSHOMBE CAN COUNT ON.

2. CUBA:

A. VISA WAIVER BENEFICIARIES, WHO HAVE FORFEITED HOMES AND PROPERTY TO LEAVE CUBA AND NOW HAVE NO TRANSPORTATION, ARE IN AN ACUTE PLIGHT. [REDACTED]

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B. THE SWISS YESTERDAY AGAIN COMPLAINED ABOUT THE REGIME'S FAILURE TO PROTECT THESE PEOPLE FROM ROWDIES, WHEREUPON CASTRO SHOWED UP AT THE SWISS EMBASSY AND AGREED THE NEXT RED CROSS PLANE COULD CARRY US NATIONALS AND PROBABLY CUBAN FAMILY MEMBERS ON THE RETURN VOYAGE TO MIAMI.

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C. CASTRO ALSO REPEATED HIS INTEREST IN RESUMING PANAM FLIGHTS. WHEN IT WAS POINTED OUT TO HIM THAT PANAM PROBABLY WAS NOT INTERESTED IN PESO INCOME, HE PROPOSED INSTITUTING CUBANA FLIGHTS TO MIAMI OR DUAL CUBANA-PANAM SERVICE ON A 50-50 BASIS.

D. CONSTRUCTION OF BARRACKS AND OTHER PERMANENT BUILDINGS IS NEARING COMPLETION AT THE ARTEMISA SOVIET ARMORED GROUP ENCAMPMENTS. SEVENTEEN TENTS REMAIN OF THE APPROXIMATELY 120 OBSERVED TWO WEEKS AGO, AND THE BARRACKS ARE NOW PROBABLY OCCUPIED.

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F. THOSE TWO CROCODILES, SHIPPED LAST WEEK AS TOKENS OF CASTRO'S WARM FRIENDSHIP FOR THE NORTH KOREANS

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3. COMMUNIST BLOC:

A. MOSCOW HAS MADE IT OFFICIAL THAT KHRUSHCHEV WILL BE HEADING THE SOVIET DELEGATION TO THE EAST GERMAN PARTY CONGRESS WHICH CONVENES ON 15 JANUARY.

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B. EAST EUROPEAN LEADERS WILL PROBABLY FOLLOW SUIT. THE CHINESE HAVE BEEN WANTING ANOTHER INTRA-BLOC CONFAB TO THRASH THINGS OUT, AND THEY MAY TRY TO GET IT BY SENDING A HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION TOO.

C. THE SOVIETS, HOWEVER, ARE KNOWN TO OPPOSE ANOTHER CONFERENCE, AND KHRUSHCHEV PROBABLY HOPES THE EAST GERMAN MEETING WILL AFFORD HIM AN UNIMPEDED OPPORTUNITY TO RE-ESTABLISH THE SOVIET VIEW OF THINGS AS THE STANDARD OF ORTHODOXY FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT.

D. WE DO NOT EXPECT ANYTHING NEW ON THE GERMAN OR BERLIN QUESTIONS.

4. BRUNEI:

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B. [REDACTED] THE SULTAN OF BRUNEI HAS LET IT BE KNOWN HE IS READY TO REOPEN NEGOTIATIONS WITH MALAYA ON TERMS FOR BRUNEI'S ACCESSION TO MALAYSIA.

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C. [REDACTED] PHILIPPINE OFFICIALS HAVE BECOME MORE COOPERATIVE OF LATE, NO DOUBT BECAUSE OF CONCERN OVER INDONESIA'S INVOLVEMENT AND INTENTIONS. THIS SHOULD EASE PHILIPPINE-UK TALKS WHICH GET UNDER WAY IN LONDON LATER THIS MONTH.

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5. PERU:

A. THE RULING JUNTA HAS DECLARED A NATION-WIDE "STATE OF SIEGE" IN WAKE OF CONTINUED COMMUNIST VIOLENCE WHICH MOST

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RECENTLY CAUSED SEVERAL DEATHS AND DAMAGE NEARING A MILLION DOLLARS IN THE SUGAR-PRODUCING AREA ALONG THE NORTHERN COAST.

B. ALTHOUGH THE APRA-LED SUGAR WORKER UNIONS HAD COME TO AGREEMENT WITH PRODUCERS FOLLOWING A STRIKE LAST MONTH, COMMUNIST AGITATORS HAVE MOVED IN TO PREVENT A RETURN TO WORK.

C. [REDACTED] FURTHER COMMUNIST VIOLENCE AND SABOTAGE IS PLANNED IN THE SUGAR-PRODUCING AREAS.

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6. NOTES:

A. YEMEN: VICE PRESIDENT BAYDANI'S EGYPTIAN CONNECTIONS AND HIS OWN SCHEMING BEHAVIOR HAVE APPARENTLY MADE HIM PERSONA NON GRATA IN YEMENI GOVERNMENT, MILITARY, AND TRIBAL-RELIGIOUS CIRCLES

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B. LAOS: KING SAVANG AND PARTY (OF 18 TO 20) PLAN TO BE IN WASHINGTON FROM 25 TO 28 FEBRUARY. THE PARTY INCLUDES SOUVANNA, POSSIBLY PHOUMI OR SOUPHANNOUVONG, AND ALL SHADES OF THE LAOTIAN RAINBOW. THEY LEAVE 11 FEBRUARY BY SOVIET VIP PLANE FOR MOSCOW, WILL BE ARRIVING HERE FROM OTTAWA, AND ARE LOOKING TO US FOR A RIDE FROM WASHINGTON TO WARSAW.

C. JAPAN: JAPAN'S PROPOSED INCREASE IN DEFENSE EXPENDITURES, IT TURNS OUT, WILL NOT KEEP PACE, PROPORTIONATELY WITH OVERALL BUDGET INCREASES AND, IN FACT, IS LIKELY TO BE NULLIFIED BY HIGHER EQUIPMENT AND SERVICE COSTS.

D. SYRIA: A CLIQUE OF SYRIAN OFFICERS IS PLANNING TO OVERTHROW AZM'S CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT AND INSTALL A MILITARY JUNTA

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CONSERVATIVES DOMINATE THE CONSPIRACY, BUT THE GROUP INCLUDES ELEMENTS MORE CONCILIATORY TOWARD NASIR.

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E. SOUTH KOREA: AN OPPOSITION PARTY IS FORMING UP AROUND FORMER PRESIDENT YUN PO-SUN AND OTHER LEADERS OF THE FORMER CHANG REGIME. THE GROUND RULES BEING WHAT THEY ARE,

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WE DO NOT EXPECT THEM TO GET FAR.

F. USSR: THE SOVIETS ARE NOT HAVING MUCH LUCK GETTING
THEIR SPACE PROBES INTO TRAJECTORY. [REDACTED]

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